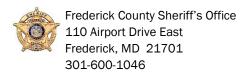
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Possible Human Remains Found

On the evening of Thursday, June 29th, 2017, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of possible human remains found in a shallow grave off of Gambrill Park Rd north of Coxey Brown Rd. The discovery was made by a hiker and were located off of the roadway in a wooded area. Deputies arrived on the scene and confirmed the possibility of human remains in the shallow grave. The area was secured overnight. At 0700 hours on June 30th, crime scene units from Frederick County Sheriff's Office and Frederick City Police, along with detectives and a representative from the state medical examiner's office, arrived on the scene and began processing the location for evidence.

Preliminarily, the remains are significantly decomposed indicating that they have been at this location for a period of time. Law enforcement personnel will remain on the scene for the majority of the day to effect full recovery of any evidentiary material. All of the bones will be sent to the Office of the State Medical Examiner's Office for examination and confirmation that the bones are of human origin by a staff anthropologist.

Updates will be provided as new information is received.

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office is the lead investigative agency.